cial help for the construction of sea walls to prevent Sea erosion along its coastal lines; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRl B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Government has been extending loan assistance to Kerala lor undertaking protection works to check sea erosion of vulnerable sections of the coast-line.

An expenditure of Rs 83.14 crores had 'been incurred up to March? 19; protection of coast-line. Of this Central ance amounts to Rs. 4?12

Israeli' consul at Bombay

34. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Wit! the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow th$_e$ Israeli Consul at Bombay to resume his duties; and

(b) if so th? reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K TEWARI): (a) A Consul is already in position in the Israeli Consulate in Bombay.

(b) The posting Was agreed to in response to a routine request to fill in the is vacancy in the Consulate.

Crisis in matscience institute

*35. SHRI A G. KULKARNI: SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report appearing in a section of the press regarding crisis in Matscience Institute (.Institute of Mathematical Sciences);

(b) if so, what action i$_s$ being taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to appoint a full time Director for the Institute: and

(d) if not. what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OP OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY. ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRl K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and lb) Government has seen the report, ft is no correct to say that there is a crisis in the Institute. However, there were some issues relating to administration which, required to be sorted out which was done-by the Board of Governors of the Institute which met on 15th July 1988.

(c) and (d) The matter is under consideration.

Centra! assistance for minor irrigation sub-plans of tribal areas

"36. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of tribal population out of the total population in the State of. Orissa;

(b) the percentage of funds being allocated by State Irrigation Department of rea for minor irrigation sub-plans of the State:

(c) whether the Central Government have given the approval for the use of special Central assistance to supplement the plan funds of Orissa Government for minor irrigation of tribal area sub-plan;

(d) whether Government propose to treat th$_e$ minor irrigation programme of the State as tribal family benefit orien'ed scheme and provide proportionate special Central aid to supplement the funds; and

(e) if so. what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUS TICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARA-NAND): (a) As per 1981 Census, it is 22.43 per cent.

(b) The allocation to the tribal area -*ub-plan in the minor irrigation sector works out 1o 25.6 per cent under the Seventh Plan.

(c) Yes. Sir.

and (e) Minor Irrigation is treated as one of the family oriented-cum-ineome generating schemes for which special Central assistance for tribal development is ad-missible. Utilisation of the special Central assistance for Minor- Irrigation in Orissa was about Rs 82 lakhs in 1987-88.

Amendment in election laws

*37. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALA-VIYA:

SHRl CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what action is being taken by Go-vernment to effect comprehensive electoral reforms and to amend the election laws;

(b) whether there is any proposal to fix a *date line* for the abov$_e$ purpose; and

(c) if so. what, are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARA-NAND): (a) to (c) Various proposals to bring about electoral refproms are under j consideration of the Government and they are likely to be finalised early.

Scientists working under 'scientists pool scheme'

*38. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased t$_0$ state:

(a) what is the number of scientists at present working in various laboratories under the "Scientists Pool Scheme": and

(b) what are the main features of this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHN-OLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY. ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRl K R. NARAYANAN): (a) The number of working Pool Officers in different types of organisations as on 30.6.88 is 625.

(b) Under the Scheme, young unemployed highly qualified scientists, technologists, medical personnel e'c. (with Ph. D/M. Tech/MD or equivalent degrees) trained abroad or in India are provided temporary placement in institutions, preferably of their choice, or those where their expertise could be utilised properly normally for a period of two years, with possibilities of extension of tenure by one year During this period, they are paid salaries comparable to Scientist B, C & EI of CS1R, and ars expected to look around for regular jobs. The selections are made by the UPSC on the recommendations of disciplinewise special recruitment boards on the basis of academic record, professional experience, research publications and their performance in Interviews.

Selection to the Pool is a continuous process Applications are received through out the year and each subject field selec tion committee normally meet$_s$ three to four times in a year. During the Calendar year 1987. 353 scientific and technical per ' ied the Pool, and 240 left it. The scheme was started in 1958 and up to 30-6-1988, 8404 scientific and technical personnel have benefi'ej from it. Of th:se 64:: ad after higher education/training. 625 persons were working under the scheme as on 30-6-1988, Of these nearly 48 per cent are scientists, about 44 per cent are medical personnel, and the rest 8 per cent are engineers and technologists etc.

Selected Poo! Officers, wherever necessary, are assisted by CSIR in obtaining placement in suitable institutions in order